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PATENT

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

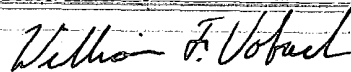
Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the claims as listed above.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

~~If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of~~  
this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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